

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of Jouko NIINIMÄKI  
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For: A Method for Optimizing the Debarking  
of Logs Debarked in a Debarking Drum

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Upon entry into the U.S. National Phase, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please replace the specification and claims for the above-identified patent application with the enclosed substitute specification submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.125(b). Also submitted herewith is a marked-up copy showing the matter being added (underlined) and the matter being deleted (strikethrough) from the specification of record as required by 37 CFR §1.125(b). The substitute specification includes an amended set of claims. The claims appearing in the substitute specification are in clean form. The marked-up specification clearly shows material being removed and added to the original claims as filed. The substitute specification contains no new matter.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has elected to submit a substitute specification as permitted by 37 CFR §1.125(b). Clean and marked-up copies of the specification are enclosed as required by §1.125(b). The substitute specification contains no new matter.